

## A Theory

By GRACE OGLESBY

This is an age of reform or at least new formations, and such an age is always attended by a certain amount of hysteria. When people leave a beaten track to strike out into new paths they are liable to bewilderment, and so when they find or believe they have found that they have been influenced by false ideas in seeing new ones they are prone to jump from the frying pan into the fire. More than this, they are liable to jump from terra firma into water altogether too deep for them.

One of the new departures of the present day is a dissatisfaction with marriage as we in America have known it. Kent Blakeman's father and mother had lived together comfortably, bringing up half a dozen children. Kent at twenty-five discovered that they had taken a great risk in binding themselves so closely together that there was no easy way for them to break the chain. In their case fortunately they had not wished to break it. But, as for him, he did not intend thus to tie himself up. He believed in experimental marriage. If he married he would reserve the right to leave his wife as soon as he ceased to love her, and she should have the same privilege with regard to him.

Miss Estelle Woodruff, being about the same age as Blakeman, also grew up in the same atmosphere of hysterical reform. She heard persons talking about the frequency of divorce, marriage being a failure and kindred subjects, and her mind was very susceptible to absorb new theories. Blakeman found few women to sympathize with him in his notions about marriage—most reforms begin with a paucity of numbers—and when he met Miss Woodruff and made an easy convert of her he was much pleased with her—that is, he was much pleased with himself for having struck into a new path—and considered the girl above the ordinary in that she had appreciated his ideas.

There is an infinite variety of mental structure among human beings. Blakeman, who married Miss Woodruff, was of a different brain. He kept on developing in his anti-marriage theories, while she, with the coming of children, ceased to take an interest in them and at last turned against them.

Perhaps it was the discovery that he had been mistaken in his wife's mental caliber that started him in his idea that they were not fitted for each other. Their union had lost its romance and was becoming humdrum. It seemed to him that the consummation of marriage and night had lost its zest. He had asserted when a bachelor that the honeymoon should last always and that when it had completely waned it was time for the couple to separate and each find a new mate.

Time came when Blakeman concluded to "be true to himself," as he put it, and claim the privilege he had reserved for himself when he married. He made several attempts to get his courage up to a point where he could tell his wife that she was not his affinity and that he proposed to free himself from her and make another trial to find a real and lasting mate. At last he succeeded.

Between a passing influence in youth and a woman who had been made over, so to speak, by the possession of two little children—a boy and a girl—there was an enormous difference. She was not only surprised by her husband's announcement; she was thunderstruck. But if she had not developed she had insensitively come into a lot of horse sense. To attempt to argue her husband out of his nonsense she knew would be futile. To oppose him would be equally so. Moreover, she remembered that at the time of her marriage she had coincided with his views. It was he who had been consistent, she who had changed. It had been mutually agreed that when either wished for freedom it should be granted.

She held to her agreement, though she recognized the outcome as a great misfortune. But she was a plucky as well as a proud woman and gave no sign of what a blow she suffered. The prenuptial agreement gave the children—if any came—to the mother, and this was, of course, a godsend to her. She wondered as she looked back when the provision was made that she had very nearly assented to a conditional proposition to divide the children between husband and wife.

When all preliminary arrangements had been made Mrs. Blakeman and her children—the little ones being ignorant of the separation of their parents—took a train for the mother's birth place, where they expected to live. Blakeman saw them off and as the train was starting kissed them all and left the car.

He stood on the platform, looking after them as they rolled out of the station, and all of a sudden a great light broke in upon his brain, and he said to himself:

"What an addle pated ninny I have made of myself!"

Going to the ticket office, he bought a ticket for the next train to follow them, and the same night, when the mother was ruefully bearing the children away, the father swooped down on them like a cyclone and took them all in one embrace.

Has Blakeman given up theory? Never! His theory now is that the family is all there is in the world worth living for, and hereafter he proposes to live for his family only. Since his theory is sound all are happy.

## MOST DELICATE IN YEARS

Mexican Situation Gravest in Years, Declares Bacon

HUERTA'S STAND A BOLD GAME

May Succeed in Uniting All Mexicans Against the United States

Washington, Aug. 8.—The American government last night was confronted by what the officials at Washington regarded as the most delicate situation in its relation with Mexico that has developed since the armed revolution disturbed the peace of the southern republic.

The threatened rebuff by the Huerta administration to the mission of John Lind drawn from Senator Bacon, chairman of the foreign relations committee, the declaration on the floor of the Senate yesterday that the present situation was the "gravest in years, much graver than confronted us when the Cuban question was here."

President Wilson declined to discuss alternatives until he received definite advice as to the stand Mexico might take in the Lind affair.

ANOTHER SULZER CHECK IN EVIDENCE

Was Deposited with Wall Street Co.—Paid, It Is Said, for Stock for Governor.

New York, Aug. 7.—As a climax to yesterday's probe into the campaign funds of Gov. Sulzer, the New York investigating committee produced another check received by the governor, but not reported in the sworn statement of his contributions. The check, which was for \$250, was produced by Henry A. Keckhelsen, a representative of Peter Doelger, the brewer. It was the contribution of Doelger to the Sulzer campaign fund and was signed by Peter Doelger and Charles P. Doelger, attorney. The check was drawn on the Yorkville bank, endorsed with the rubber stamped signature, William Sulzer and L. A. Sarecky. The committee continued its investigation into the governor's activity in the stock market, which they expect to show by evidence from brokers. Philip Boyer, formerly connected with the firm of Boyer & Griswold of 42 Broadway, identified a check for \$500 as having gone through the firm's books. It was the check signed by John Lynn and introduced yesterday as a contribution to Sulzer's campaign.

FIRST PEACE TREATY SIGNED.

It Is Between the United States and Salvador.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The first of the international peace treaties embodying Secretary Bryan's plans was actually signed yesterday.

It was between the United States and Salvador and will soon be sent to the Senate for ratification. Its terms practically are identical with the details of the international peace proposal submitted by Secretary Bryan to the nations of the world, and approved by 26 countries. Salvador appointed as its plenipotentiaries, the president of Salvador, Senor Don Frederico Mejia, Salvador's minister to the United States, the president of the United States and Secretary Bryan.

NATION TO BUY BACK TWOS.

Senator Owen's Plan for Preventing Depreciation of Securities.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Chairman Owen of the Senate Banking committee introduced a bill yesterday to authorize the treasury to buy outstanding 2 percent bonds from banks at par and interest, if the banks owning them so desire. The measure is intended to prevent depreciation of the 2s. Senator Owen's plan is to cancel outstanding gold certificates as they come into the treasury, issue treasury notes, redeemable in gold, in their stead; transfer the gold represented by the gold certificates to the redemption district, cancel the 2 percent bonds, issue 3 percent in their stead and supplant national bank notes with treasury notes.

## The True Source of Beauty

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## WOMAN DIED FROM BULLET WOUNDS

Mrs. Romani, Shot Monday Evening in Presence of Her Husband, Is Dead.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 8.—Mrs. Madalena Romani died last night as the result of a bullet wound received Monday when she was shot, it is alleged, by Emmanuel Margetti. According to the police Margetti claimed the woman had been telling stories about him and going to her home in the presence of her husband. He fired two shots at her, one taking effect in the abdomen.

Margetti escaped on a bicycle and the police believe he has gone to Montreal.

BATTLE RAGES AT CANTON.

Indian Regiment Drafted From Hong-kong To Protect Foreigners.

Canton, China, Aug. 8.—The battle which began here Wednesday morning when two divisions of the northern army attacked the east gate of the city is still going on. More than 500 have been killed or wounded in the fight. A British Indian regiment from Hong-kong has been drafted here to protect the lives of foreigners in the suburbs reserved for them.

INSURANCE FIGHT SETTLED.

Most of the Fire Companies Will Resume Business in Missouri.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 8.—A dispatch from Jefferson City says that the fire insurance middle was settled yesterday at a conference between Attorney General Barker and the insurance representatives. Seventy-five per cent of the companies will resume business in this state and suits against the companies will be dropped.

WOMAN'S BODY WASHED ASHORE.

Mrs. Smiley Had Been Suffering From Nervous Breakdown.

Revere, Mass., Aug. 8.—The woman found dead, and with part of her clothing missing, on the beach at Point of Pines early yesterday was identified as Mrs. Allen T. Smiley of Malden. The name "Ruth M. Woodworth" written in ink on her underclothing, was her maiden name. She had been suffering from a nervous breakdown for some time, and left home Wednesday when her sister, Mrs. C. A. Morgan, was asleep. It is not known how Mrs. Smiley met her death.

LABORER GETS FORTUNE.

Alvenseslegan Given Notice He Is Heir To \$1,750,000.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 8.—Frederick Gross von Alvenseslegan for 27 years a day laborer, yesterday received notice from the German consul at Chicago he had fallen heir to an estate in Germany valued at \$1,750,000.

He became estranged from his family 30 years ago and came to America. He admitted pride had prevented him accepting an annuity of \$20,000 for 27 years.

WHITMAN ACCEPTS.

Will Be Candidate on the Fusionist Ticket.

New York, Aug. 8.—District Attorney Charles Whitman announced late yesterday he would accept the fusion or anti-Tammany nomination for district attorney.

He had been urged to bolt the fusion ticket by John Perroy Mitchell, collector of the port and become an independent candidate for mayor.

JAPANESE KILLED IN RIOT.

Three Lose Lives in a Row at Salem, Oregon.

Eugene, Ore., Aug. 8.—Three Japanese were killed and another is dying as the result of a street riot in Salem, Ore., last night, according to fragmentary advice received here.

## SILENT ON \$500,000 FUND

Emery Won't Admit N. A. M. Raised it for Lobby Work

SENATOR REED MAKES PROTEST

Says Witness Is Evading His "Mild Mannered Questions"

Washington, Aug. 8.—James A. Emery, principal Washington representative of the National Association of Manufacturers, continued to-day to tell the Senate lobby committee of the steps that led to the formation in 1908 of the council of industrial defense. "A collector," for the organization, Martin M. Mulhall has testified, raised between \$500,000 and \$700,000 for "legislative work". Senator Reed tried to get Emery to testify that the council had its origin at a convention of the manufacturers in 1907 when James W. Van Cleave appealed for a fund of \$500,000 for three years. The witness refused to admit the \$500,000 fund was raised. Emery testified his duties in Washington were not secret but that he obtained and analyzed bills in Congress concerning relations between employer and employee.

Questioned by Senator Reed, Emery admitted that the destinies of the council were practically dominated by President Van Cleave of the N. A. M. and that no meeting of all the members had been held since 1908. Mr. Van Cleave's domination of the council was, however, along lines laid down by the resolutions adopted at the 1908 meeting, the witness declared. He told the committee that in addition to acting as counsel for the council and affiliated organizations it was his duty to keep the various members and officers posted on legislation pending in Washington that might affect them.

Senator Reed complained to Chairman Overman that Mr. Emery evaded his "mild mannered questions." "Yes, the senator is a mild mannered man," broke in Senator Nelson facetiously, "but as Byron said 'He is the mildest man that ever scuttled a ship or cut a throat'."

## JUSTICE BULLIED, DECLARES BORAH

Charges Department of Justice Has Been Influencing Judges by Investigating Them.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The charge that department of justice agents had investigated federal judges to influence their action in cases in which the government was interested was made in the Senate yesterday by Senator Borah and endorsed in part by Senator Norris.

Senator Borah's charge was brought out by a report from Attorney-General McReynolds responding to a Senate resolution asking where federal agents were investigating judges. The resolution reflected some sentiment aroused in the case of Federal Judge Speer of Georgia, whose court had been investigated, and who had attacked the Department of Justice in a public speech.

The attorney general's reply to the inquiry was that any report that the federal department of justice was maintaining a system of espionage over judges "was entirely without foundation." Mr. Borah responded with his charge. "I know this is a very serious charge," said he, "but I am so reliably informed that I make the statement that within the last four or five years special agents have carried on such investigations with a view to influencing judges."

Senator Norris declared he did not have all the information Senator Borah had, but that he believed his statements were based on fact.

FOSS STRIKERS GIVE UP.

Governor Will Treat With Strikers After They Return To Work.

Boston, Aug. 8.—It is believed that the strikers at the Foss plants in Hyde Park, the Sturtevant Blower Works and Becker Milling Machine Co. are willing to surrender and go back to work. They have abandoned their demand for a 20 per cent wage increase and their leaders say they will go back to work at the old wages if the governor will agree to take up their grievances with them individually or with shop committees within 60 days after they have returned. Letters to that effect were sent by their attorney yesterday both to the governor and to the board of arbitration, with a request of the state board that it help them to induce the governor to accept the proposition. They point out that the state board has secured a similar agreement between the boiler manufacturers and their employees, who have been on strike for about two weeks.

Governor Foss stated last night that he would treat with his 500 striking employees at the two manufacturing plants in Hyde Park as individuals after they had returned to work. He named Aug. 11 as the date for their return.

The strikers have been out for ten weeks.

## USED COMFORT POWDER FOURTEEN YEARS, FINDS NOTHING BETTER

Mrs. W. G. Conley writes from Asheville, N. C.: "I have used Comfort Powder daily for over 14 years and just cannot do without it. I took six boxes to Panama with me but run out of it on board ship and the minute I struck New York I sent out for two cans. I can't find any other powder that will half way do. To heal and comfort the skin there is nothing like Comfort Powder." Physicians, Trained Nurses and Hospitals everywhere do not hesitate to give Comfort Powder most unqualified endorsement. Be sure you get the genuine with signature of E. & S. Sykes on box.

## TO READJUST G. O. P. DELEGATES.

National Committee Calls Meeting to Reduce Representation of South.

Washington, Aug. 8.—A meeting of a select committee of the Republican national committee will be called about Nov. 15, it was learned yesterday, to discuss a reduction of representation from the southern states in Republican national conventions. A call has been issued for such a meeting sixty days after the tariff bill passes Congress. This will probably be about Sept. 15.

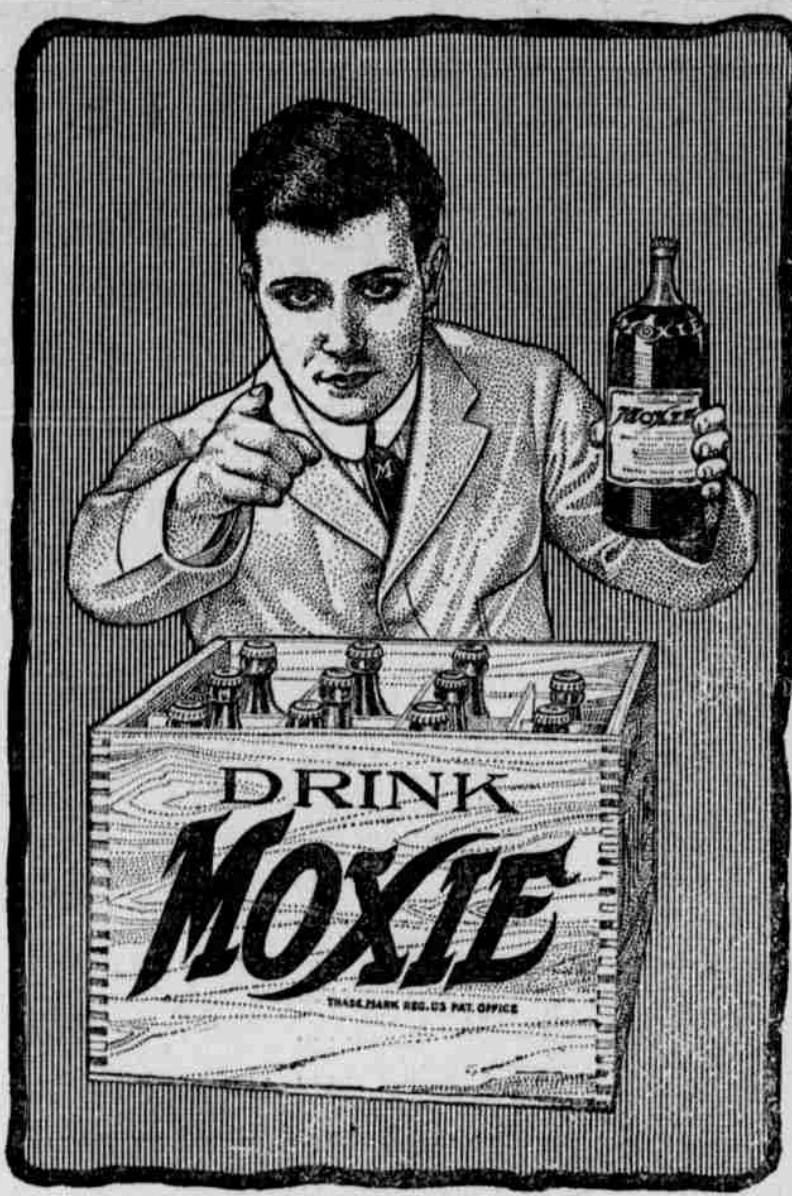
The committee appointed to consider reducing the number of Southern delegates has not determined whether it has full legal authority to reduce such representation itself, or whether such action must be taken at a national convention. If the committee decides that it is without authority a special national Republican convention will be called. Arrangements for this convention will probably be made at a meeting of the full Republican committee during the Christmas holidays.

Arnold Bennett Tells About a Remarkable Editor.

In the "Interesting People" department of the August American Magazine Arnold Bennett, the famous English novelist, writes a character sketch of Robert H. Davis, who reads and buys fiction for the Munsey publications. Mr. Davis is not only an extraordinary editor, but a keen appreciator of literature, a story-teller of international repute, and a genial, magnetic personality. An extract from Mr. Bennett's sketch follows:

"It was at a lunch of university men in a New York club that I sat opposite to a dark and twinkling man of Napoleonic stature. The table was narrow. Though separated from him by flowers and by clams, I was close to him and I could not help studying him. Naturally I asked myself whether accident or design had placed me precisely opposite this particular man, whether sheer hazard or the organizer of the luncheon had been at work upon our destinies. When we were introduced, this man and myself—I heard the name Robert H. Davis, and again insistently Robert, or Bob; and I had the wit to perceive that to confuse Robert H. with Richard H. would be a clumsiness on my part. Robert H. who is in the very prime of life, showed a splendid head and torso, and I could see that, like General Lazars Hoche, he would make a grand spectacle on horseback. However, I never saw him on horseback.

"Presently we entered, cautiously, into conversation, and soon he was asking me, 'Do you know a novel called 'The Way of All Flesh'?' This was his order for me. 'I am convinced that he had come to the luncheon expressly in order to ask me if I knew a novel called 'The Way of All Flesh'.' I replied, 'I do. It is one of the great novels of the world.' He was staggered; he had not expected so much. I also was staggered, by the sudden burning fire of enthusiasm that blazed in his always twinkling eye. I cannot recall whether or not we stood up—after a certain number of claims the memory is dimmed—but I do know that we shook hands across the table, and my impression is that in order to do so with proper solemnity we rose to our feet. I grew aware that neither sheer hazard nor the organizer of the luncheon had brought Robert Da-



vis and myself together, but Providence. "Literature is a strange and fearful trade. In 1873 Samuel Butler had written an indisputable masterpiece, and yet two men in a center and haunt of culture were still, thirty-eight years later, astounded to find a neighbor who was familiar with the book. Such is the world's interest in masterpieces. Robert Davis and I at once formed ourselves into a secret Butler society within the large society of the luncheon. 'We must meet again,' I said. 'We must,' said he. We did. And I learned about my fellow Butlerian.

"Robert Davis is closely associated with the triumph of the house of Frank Munsey. What may be his official description in the Munsey hierarchy I know not exactly, but for me he is the head and front of the enterprise, because he reads and buys all the Munsey fiction. I seem to figure him in the Flatiron building, stemming the tide of fiction that forever surges down Fifth avenue. He once told me how many words of fiction he read each week. I forget the figure, but it was in millions. He has compared himself to a pipe or conduit through which nearly all the fiction in the United States, and a lot more besides, has to run. He it is who finds out, by intuition, by togle, by inquiry, by mathematics, just what kinds of fiction the man in the average street

and the woman in the average home enjoy reading; and he spends his life in procuring the best of just those kinds. He asserts, I believe that he absorbs more fiction than any other persons in the world. His motto is: 'Nothing good gets by. It always gets bought.' He is the hope and the despair of thousands upon thousands of fiction writers of all ages, climes and talents."

Wudna Suit the Kilt. In the early days of the territorial army there was a boom in recruiting for it. In one part of the highlands almost every man in the district joined the local battalion of "kilties," and the men were signed on without medical examination, it being quite usual in some country districts to wait until the annual camp before medically examining recruits. On arrival in camp it was noticed that one man was wearing the trews at drill instead of the regulation kilt, and, being asked the reason, he explained that he had left his kilt at home. "Why on earth did you do that?" inquired his company officer. "Weel, ye see, sir," replied the recruit, "I'm afraid I wudna suit the kilt vera weel, as I've got a wooden leg."

—Glasgow News.

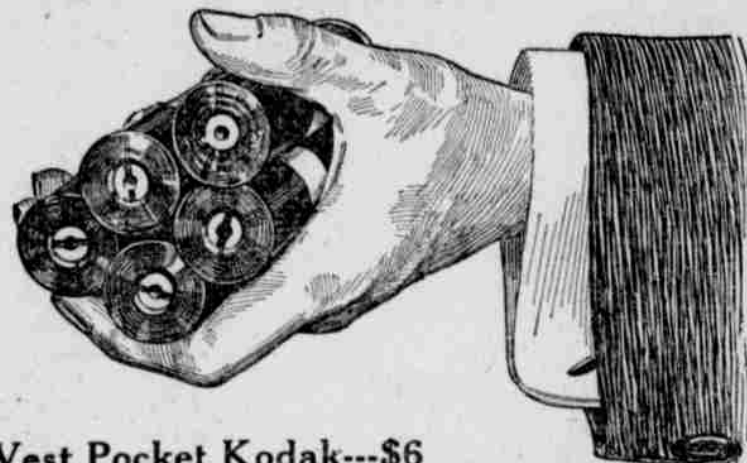
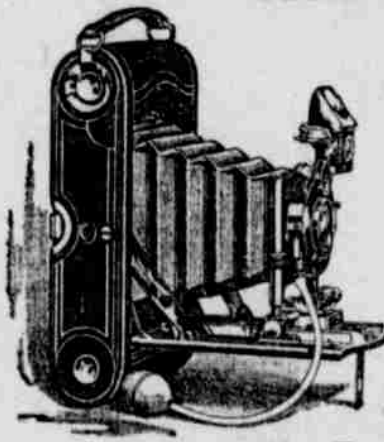
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